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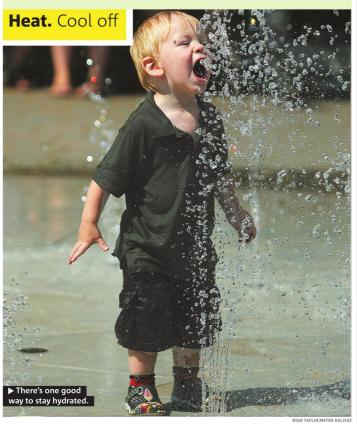


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Splish splash

Anderson Nixon is only 21 months old, but he figured out a good way to beat the heat vesterday. getting soaked in the fountain at Bishop's Landing. We may all get soaked today, as rain and cooler temperatures are in the forecast.

Black out

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Former media baron freed on \$2-million US bond {page 7}

Waiting on Frk

When will talented winger suit up for Mooseheads? {page 21}

Back to school for **Ken Fells**

• Principal removed from his position in May will return in the fall • Fells and "school community" expressed interest in his return



Despite engaging in a tus-sle with a 14-year-old student and being removed from his position, Ken Fells will return as principal of Graham Creighton Junior High School in Sep-

Fells was reinstated yes-terday "given his experi-ence and knowledge of the community," said Mike Christie, director of human resources for the School Advisory Board.

'This decision was made in consideration of what the community was looking for," said Christie, citing a formal request from the board.

A video of the March 3

"I am pleased to be going back to **Graham Creighton Junior High and** continuing the work that we have started."

KEN FELLS IN A STATEMENT

altercation between Fells and the student was re-leased by Frank magazine in early July.

During the initial investigation, police asked a Crown attorney for advice on how to proceed.

No charges were laid.

But earlier this week, Nova Scotia's Public Prosecution Board could not confirm nor deny that the Crown saw the entire video of the confrontation.

"We have given it to another Crown attorney to view all the police materials and all the evidence that's gathered including the video," Chris Hansen, a prosecution spokeswoman said Monday.

But Christie isn't concerned, yet.

"If there are charges or conviction then we'll just have to cross those bridges when we come to them," said Christie, who ultimately had the final decision.

Christie did not know if the boy involved in the skirmish will be returning to Graham Creighton in the fall.



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Irving empire loses Jack, age 78

New Brunswick business magnate John E. (Jack) Irving, who helped expand his family's empire by leading several construction and engineering companies, has died. He was 78.

"It's a sad loss to our region today," said Nancy Conrad, senior vice-president with the Halifax Chamber of Commerce.

"The Irving family have been strong contributors to the economic well-being of the region and in particular to the local shipbuilding industry with the Irving Shipyards in Halifax."

Irving, the son of Irving
Oil founder K.C. Irving,
died yesterday in his
hometown of Saint John
following a brief illness.

In 1952, at his father's request, he joined his family's businesses where he worked alongside his brother Arthur at Irving Oil. He began managing construction and engineering projects, including retail outlets, bulk plants,

and other major infrastructure.

Working with Arthur and his other brother James, Jack helped build upon the legacy of their father to expand and develop the Irving Group of companies into a worldwide corporation.

He is survived by his wife, three children and six grandchildren.

A funeral will be held Saturday in Saint John. JENNIFER TAPLIN WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS







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Conrad Black, Florida's most notorious inmate, leaves prison undetected after posting bail. Video at metronews.ca/ canada



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Emissions rules face softening for rate goal

N.S. wants to ensure ratepayers not "unduly burdened": Dexter ◆ Silence of environment minister questioned



A possible slackening of environmental regulations to save Nova Scotians cash on their power bills is being met with sharp criticism from the opposition.

Premier Darrell Dexter said on Tuesday the government will consider loosening regulations on mercury emissions as one option to reduce a potential Nova Scotia Power rate hike.

"What we want to do ultimately is make sure that we are achieving the goals that we set out," he said.

"If we can do that in a more efficient way from a ratepayer's perspective then of course we want to be able to consider how that gets done."

Dexter's comments came a week after Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks said everything is on the table to soften the burden on ratepayers.

But Liberal energy critic Andrew Younger said mercury emissions count for only a portion of the rate increase.

Younger accused the government yesterday of deliberately misleading the public, calling the emissions standards debate a "red herring."

"Why not focus the public discussion on what is the long-term solution to all these rate increases, instead of talking about the short-term political gains," said Younger.

"Which they probably will never (reduce regulations) anyway."



No delay on route: Transit

Metro Transit is denying reports it is behind schedule on a proposed airport bus route.

According to Metro Transit spokeswoman Tiffany Chase, the proposed route was always scheduled for late 2011 — despite a November 2009 staff report referencing December 2010.

"(The staff report) did say quote 'the earliest possible date was December 2010,'" said Chase. "But (it) said \$450,000

"Capital contribution" offered by the airport authority to speed up the creation of an airport bus route.

more likely (it) would be the spring of 2011." Chase said changes in

Chase said changes in bus requirements and designs have pushed that timeframe back, but denied that that constitutes a delay. • ALEX BOUTLIER

News in brief

Man stable after altercation

GRAND NARROWS. Police say a Cape Breton man had to be airlifted to hospital after he was rendered unconscious during an altercation.

A 23-year-old man from Eskasoni, N.S., was unresponsive when police responded to the assault call late Tuesday afternoon in Grand Narrows, N.S.

The victim was later listed in stable condition. Police arrested a 22-

Police arrested a 22year-old man, also from Eskasoni.

Police say alcohol is believed to have been a factor in the incident.

The investigation continues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLA's wife dies of cancer

DEATH. Cumberland North MLA Brian Skabar's wife,

Joyce Skabar, passed away in an Amherst hospital Tuesday. Mrs. Skabar had been

Mrs. Skabar had been fighting a lengthy battle with cancer. The two were married for 27 years.

Premier Darrell Dexter expressed sorrow over Skabar's death yesterday.

"On behalf of the House of Assembly, I want to send out my heartfelt condolences to Brian and his family during this difficult time," he said in a release.

Trade centre will result in more employment, tax revenue, says report

Trade Centre Limited has released yet another report concerning the impact of the proposed new trade centre.

This report, prepared by Gardner Pinfold and released yesterday, is being branded as a supplement to a previous economic impact assessment. According to TCL spokeswoman Suzanne Fougere, the new report is based on updated market projections completed by TCL in June.

The report estimates over 10 years, the new facility will result in approximately an additional 12,000 people employed, as well as \$79 million more in provincial and federal taxes compared to the cur-

Estabrooks

Recommendation on way

Funding Infrastructure Renewal Minister Bill Estabrooks told the Canadian Press he'll make a recommendation on whether or not to help fund the new trade centre to cabinet in the fall, and that his decision will be based on "cold, hard facts."

rent trade centre. Those people do not reflect actu-

al jobs, Gardner Pinfold clarified, but the direct, indirect, and spin-off employment the facility may create.

This is the eighth study commissioned by Trade Centre Limited on the proposed trade centre. As of yet, however, the full plan—and price tag—for the trade centre has not been

released. The province is reviewing that plan, submitted by Joe Ramia's Rank Inc. on Monday. According to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal spokesperson Cathie MacIsaac, the province will release the majority of the plan, as well as a shadow bid, in the coming weeks.

Two more Montreal-bound ships headed for Halifax

Ships are being diverted to the Port of Halifax



Two more ships originally

bound for Montreal will arrive in Halifax this morning

The increased ship traffic is no problem for the Halifax Port, said Michele Peveril, spokeswoman for the Halifax Port Authority.



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○ Labour dispute have paralyzed shipment of goods through Montreal

Halifax has the capacity to handle about twice the amount of cargo currently at the terminal.

t the terminal.

"It is still early in the sit-

uation to determine... how long this situation will continue and what the impact will be," she said yesterday.



Fast, furious drivers paying the price, say RCMP

Nova Scotia drivers have been fast and furious this summer. Last weekend, RCMP charged five people with stunting, vehicles that are caught travelling in excess of 50 kilometres an hour above the posted speed limit, on Highway 104 in Cumberland County. Motorists caught stunting automatically lose their licence for one week, said Steve Squires, of the Halifax District RCMP.

ExxonMobil boss chooses The Rock

The new president of ExxonMobil Canada will be setting up shop in Newfoundland and Labrador instead of Nova Scotia.

The current president is based in Halifax but incoming president Meg O'Neill will move operations to St. John's.

"The decision ... is a reflection of the level of activity currently taking place in Newfoundland and Labrador," said spokeswoman Margot Bruce-O'Connell. ExxonMobil is involved in various Newfoundland offshore oilfields. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Site helps patients prep for surgery

Nova Scotians waiting for hip and knee replacements can now get information online to help them prepare for surgery.

The Department of Health has created an orthopedic patient information website, called MySurgery. The website is http://mysurgery.nshealth.ca.

It shows people what to do and what to expect from the time their family physician refers them to a surgeon to the recovery and rehabilitation period after surgery.

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Scotiabank StartRight® customer recommends the program to friends

Deepak Razdan describes himself as a happy *Scotiabank StartRight*® customer. He met **Pankaj Mehra**, Director, India and South Asia Markets, in Delhi at a Scotiabank seminar and stayed in touch with him through the process of moving to Canada.

"I opened my account with Scotiabank while still in India. I landed in Toronto and asked my friend to drive me to the Scotiabank branch at Highway 10 and Ray Lawson in Brampton. Within five minutes, the Branch Manager had my account operational, and I had my cheque book and a credit card. I'd heard how important it was to get a credit card to establish my credit history and also that some people find it difficult to get one – but I had no such problem!"

His wife **Kavita** was delighted to find that the program entitled them to a small safety deposit box, free for one year. "Scotiabank StartRight® lived up to our expectations and beyond," says Razdan, who now recommends the Scotiabank program to his friends – those who are in the process of immigrating as well as those who are already here.

Scotiabank StartRight® helps newcomers make a smooth start

Razdan, a senior editor at a medical transcription company based in Delhi, came to Canada in January of last year. He and his wife Kavita, who ran a catering business, chose Canada for a better life and the options it offered their daughters for higher studies.

Friends in Canada helped him feel at home from day one. A friend was instrumental in Razdan's landing a job within a month of arriving in Canada.

"He said he needed someone to join him and I had a job!" Razdan marvels. "Another friend, Vidyabhushan Dhar – younger than me but like an older brother here in Canada – is showing me the ropes. The other day he told me I had to get my driver's licence and dropped me at the test centre. My friends have been a great support network."

It is with these good friends that Razdan is sharing his *Scotiabank StartRight*® experience.

Mehra tells him that his feedback as one of the first *Scotiabank StartRight*® customers in India helped the bank refine the program to improve the customer experience still further.

Deepanshi, 10, enjoyed her first days at school. **Deepali**, who had to wait until the end of June to be assessed, is missing her friends. Her parents are confident that she will soon settle in and make new friends.

The family enjoyed the Canada Day weekend by visiting Niagara Falls and is all set to enjoy the summer activities.

"Scotiabank lived up to our expectations."

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Speed leads to charges: Mounties

Man faces stunting charges after motorcycle clocked going 112 km/h

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Some Nova Scotia motorists are driving fast and furious this summer.

Last weekend, RCMP charged five people with stunting (travelling in excess of 50 km/h above the posted speed limit) on Highway 104 in Cumberland County.

Motorists caught stuntautomatically lose their licence for one week, said RCMP Const. Steve Squires.

The minimum fine is \$2,410, and on the third of"The roads are drier, the sun is out and people feel that just because the roads seem safe, that they can increase their speed, they can drive a little more reckless when in fact that is not the case." CONST. STEVE SQUIRES

fence, stunting fines can reach more than \$11,000. ALY THOMSON

Boy, 13, hit by van in

Cape Breton

A 13-vear-old from the Nyanza area is in hospital

after being hit by a van while crossing a highway in Cape Breton. RCMP say the

boy and two others were

trying to cross Highway

yesterday in Wagmatcook.

Two boys stopped short of crossing, while the third

tim was hit by a van haul-

ing a trailer and a boat.

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ran across the road. The vic-

105 around 9 p.m.



Motorcyclist hurt in crash

A motorcyclist was taken to hospital yesterday with leg injuries after his bike collided with a car on Victoria Road yesterday morning.







Black let out of jail, to appear in court

► Former media baron spent more than two years behind bars after being convicted of defrauding Hollinger Inc. of more than \$6M US

A liberated Conrad Black will leave his Palm Beach, Fla., mansion to appear tomorrow before the judge who sent him to a federal prison in 2007, travelling to Chicago to have his bail conditions outlined for him after spending two years in the Florida jail.

years in the Florida jail.
Judge Amy St. Eve set a \$2-million US bond for the onetime Canadian media baron yesterday, ordering him to come to Chicago to face the court.

Within hours of the bail hearing, Black was released from prison in Coleman, Fla., leaving the facility from a back exit and evading an assembled media horde

media horde.

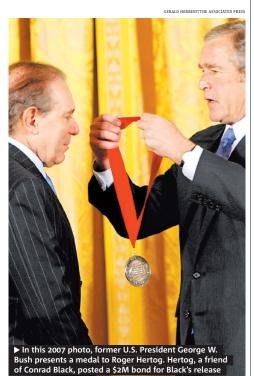
The Canadian-born
Black will now spend his
time in the Palm Beach estate he reportedly sold and
now rents from an investment firm.

'Honest services'

- Earlier this week, the 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals granted Black's motion for bail following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that narrowed the scope of the "honest services" law that was central to his conviction.
- The justices left it up to the lower court to decide whether the conviction should be overturned. That decision has yet to be made.

Jacob Frenkel, a former U.S. federal prosecutor, said the quiet exit from jail isn't necessarily indicative of a newfound sense of humility from Black, but rather his determination to show maximum deference to the court.

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StatsCan head turns into statistic himself

Canada's chief statistician has resigned over the Conservative government's decision to eliminate the long census form.

Munir Sheikh announced his resignation in a statement posted on the Statistics Canada website. He said that a voluntary survey, as that proposed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government, can not be a substitute for a mandatory census.

Sheikh said that under the circumstances he tendered his resignation to Harper. The longtime bureaucrat and economist said he would not go into the details of the discussions he had with Industry Minister Tony Clement about the census.

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Guergis cleared of all PMO charges

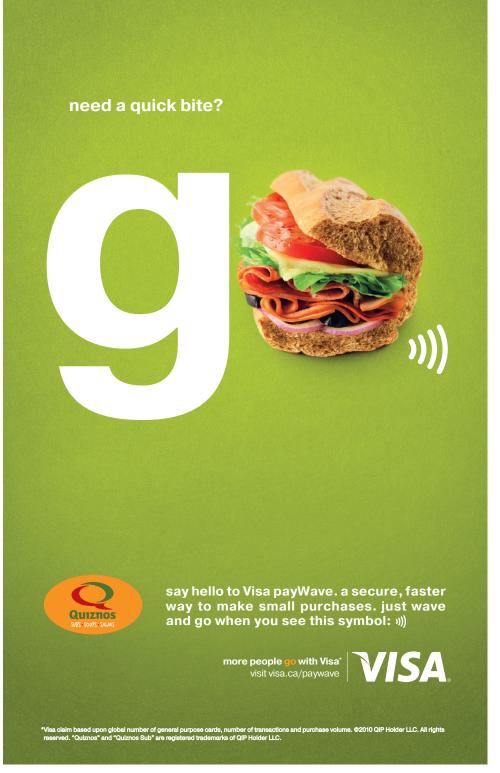


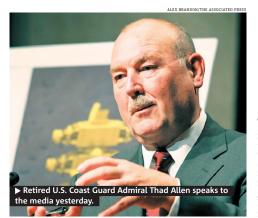
The lawyer for deposed cabinet minister Helena Guergis says the RCMP has given his client a clean bill of health.

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Howard Rubel said an inspector with the Mounties has advised him that an RCMP probe found "no substance" to any of the issues raised by the Prime Minister's Office. Rubel said the RCMP assured him that all concerns related to Guergis have been "resolved."

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Storm threatens work

BP may have to abandon watch on capped Gulf of Mexico oil well
 Forecasters say storm will move into area over the weekend

Tropical rainstorms moving toward the Gulf of Mexico yesterday threatened to shut down undersea efforts to seal BP's ruptured well, interrupting work just as engineers get close to plugging the leak with mud and cement

Retired U.S. Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen said a weather system brewing in the Caribbean could force crews to abandon their watch over the experimental cap that's been bottling oil below the surface of the water for nearly a week.

Scientists have been

scrutinizing underwater cameras and data for days, trying to determine if the cap is displacing pressure and causing leaks underground. If storms keep them from seeing the cap and getting those readings—for up to four days, Allen said—BP could re-

open the well to avoid missing signs it is buck-

"This is necessarily going to be a judgment call," said Allen, the federal government's point man on the spill who will make the ultimate decision.

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Pirates moving towards Red Sea?

The commander of NATO's counter-piracy flotilla said yesterday that Somali pirates squeezed by a multinational armada in the Gulf of Aden may be shifting some operations to the southern Red Sea where naval forces lack clear authority to stop them. In addition to one recent attack in the area, Commodore Michiel Hiimans said there have been "a lot of false alarms" where mariners believed pirates were pursuing them, including occasions where shots were fired.

Foreign navies have UN Security Council approval to hunt pirates in Somalia's territorial waters with advance notice using "all necessary means." But the Red Sea lies beyond that area of jurisdiction, creating a possible front for pirates to operate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"You have to be very careful what you do in the territorial waters of another country."

NATO COUNTER-PIRACY
COMMANDER MICHIEL HIJMANS

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Passengers injured by turbulence

The U.S. government yesterday began investigating how a United Airlines jetliner hit severe turbulence on a flight over Kansas, injuring at least 22 and jolting one woman out of her seat so forcefully that she left a crack when she hit the side of the cabin, authorities and a witness said.

The Tuesday flight was the airline's third this year

during which passengers were hurt because of turbulence. The flight originated in Washington and was headed to Los Angeles. It was diverted to Denver, where it landed safely and was met by medical crews. There were conflicting

There were conflicting reports on injuries. Denver Health said a total of 21 people were taken to five hospitals.

The FAA said earlier that 30 were injured, one critically, but Denver Health officials said they had no record of anyone in critical condition.

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Grave of Romanian dictator exhumed

The mystery of where former Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena were buried moved closer to resolution yesterday after forensic scientists dug up their official graves in a hunt for DNA.

Ceausescu ruled Romania for 25 years with an iron fist before being ousted and executed during the 1989 anti-communist revolt in which more than

21 years since
Romanian
dictator Nicolae
Ceaucescu and his
wife, Elena, were
executed, three days
after he was
overthrown and
convicted by a
summary trial.

1,000 people were killed.

Many Romanians have doubted for years that the

Ceausescus were really buried in the Ghencea military cemetery in west Bucharest.

Officials say it will take up to six months to scientifically determine the true identity of the remains.

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Wanted leader welcome in Chad

Sudan's president, who faces charges of genocide and crimes against humanity, travelled to neighbouring Chad yesterday — the first time he has risked arrest by travelling to a member state of the International Criminal Court.

Omar al-Bashir has travelled abroad only to countries that are not ICC members since he was first charged in connection with violence in Sudan's Darfur region in 2009.

The ICC has no police force and depends on member states to enforce its orders.

Chadian officials said they would not detain al-Bashir.

"Bashir will not be arrested in Chad," said Chadian Interior Minister Ahmat Mahamat Bachir.

The mayor of N'djamena also gave the president a warm welcome by presenting him with a key to the city upon his arrival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Heat wave continues in central Russia

A polar bear has a bucket on his head in a pond at the Moscow Zoo yesterday. The heat wave has had temperatures in the region hotter than 30 C for the last two weeks. At least 23 of Russia's 83 regions have announced a state of emergency.

Obama makes finance bill official



GOP says bill is unfair to banksRegulators must now write rules

Revelling over a new milestone in his presidency, a triumphant Barack Obama yesterday signed into law the most sweeping overhaul of lending and high-finance rules since the Great Depression, adding safeguards for millions of consumers and aiming to restrain Wall Street excesses that could set off a new recession.

The president's signing ceremony capped nearly two years of intense debate over how to avoid a recurrence of the 2008 financial meltdown that buckled the U.S. economy and left sharp, lasting imprints on the nation's politics and in Americans' homes.

In a midterm election season that has dented his public support, Obama sought to put the complex law in pocketbook terms. Emphasizing provisions that guard borrowers from abusive lenders, he claimed "the strongest financial protections for consumers in the nation's history."

The president sought to quell public anger over the \$700 billion bank rescue fund the government created at the height of the crisis to reassure the markets. While the infusion is credited with providing stability,

"Because of this law, the American people will never be asked again to foot the bill for Wall Street's mistakes."

U.S. PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

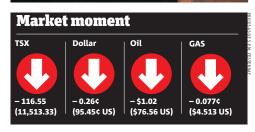
the public recoiled at the idea of taxpayer money being used to help prop up huge banks.

The law gives regulators new authority to liquidate large, interconnected financial firms that are failing.

The law assembles an influential council of regulators to be on the lookout for risks across the finance system. It also crates a powerful independent consumer financial protection bureau within the Federal Reserve to write and enforce new regulations covering lending and credit.

It places shadow financial markets that previously escaped the oversight of regulators under new scrutiny and gives the government new powers to break up companies that threaten the economy.

Wall Street banks have welcomed some provisions in the bill but have opposed others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS







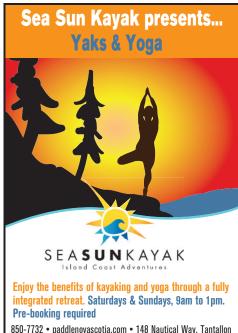
Encana to up production

CALGARY. Encana Corp. is boosting capital spending by half a billion dollars this year and says it expects to produce substantially more natural gas in 2010 than previously anticipated.

"Our production is ahead of target and we are gaining ground on costs through continual optimization programs that help us pursue our cornerstone goal of being the industry's lowest-cost producer," chief executive officer Randy Eresman said in a statement yesterday as the firm reported a second-quarter loss.

Flyers snub sky-high web fees: Experts

ONLINE. Travellers used to getting a free wireless Internet on land are not willing to pay for one at 30,000 feet. Airlines have offered promotions to draw attention to their Wi-Fi, but experts say only about 10 per cent of flyers on web-enabled flights have taken advantage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





DROP YOUR MOM'S NAME AND GET A JOB

He says ...

IOHN **MAZEROLLE**



Unemployment has been one of my most humbling experiences, up there with divorce, nearly dying, and contemplating Conrad Black's ego.

was recently jobless for three months, the longest stretch of my life. It was demoralizing. Not only was I unemployed, I was bad at being unemployed. If you have ever used the Cana-

da Job Bank, you know there are no jobs in this country unless you are a tradesman, a dental assistant, or a line cook. (Raise your children accordingly.)

So I had to look on foot instead. The manila envelope holding my resumés felt like a badge of shame, an adult dunce cap or a modern-day Scarlet Letter. People could tell I was behind on my debt payments, I was sure

The first place I tried in person was a hospital, and the first words out of my mouth were this is true -"I'm on the street looking for work. Can you help me?

They seemed less than intrigued.

Understand that I come from New Brunswick, where job searches involve walking into

places and saying, "I'd like to work here." Employers respond with hardball questions such as, "Your mom's name is Margie,

"Now I live in

Toronto, where most

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right?" (Don't tell anyone, but I had my answer prepped for that one and always got it right.) Now I live in

Toronto, where most of the interviews involve a tired-looking recruiter sitting next to a stack of resumés the size of the late Gary Coleman and hitting me with a long string of hypothetical and eth-

ical questions. For example: "If you were on shift and your supervisor was asleep, but he had told you specifically not to wake him, and the supervisor was YOUR DAD, what would you do?" "My dad's name is Bob," I'd re-

ply. "Do you know him?"

After a couple months of this I started to wear down. But then I broke through and found a great

If you look at it one way, I stuck with it even through the dark times and proved to myself I can do whatever I set my mind to.

In another, more accurate way, I got a job without an interview and at a place where my boss knows my mom. Remember: If you're looking for work, her name is Margie.



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\$2,500 spending spree

Money makes the world go around



We asked: You win \$2,500. How would you

TORONTO. If I won \$2,500 I would give \$2,000 to my mom in Jamaica to help with her mortgage payments, even though I don't have a job here and also have my three kids to look after with outstanding bills to pay. I just know my mom needs it more.

CALGARY. If I won \$2,500 I would spend it by taking my kids to the zoo, going to the Calgary Tower and busing it and C-Training it to all the sites I can show

my kids. I would also get a camera to show everyone the good times my kids and I had going around town.

EDMONTON. I know this sounds boring, but I am going into my last year of school to acquire my human resources degree. If I won \$2,500 I would use the money to cover my last year of schooling. SHAENNA BOHNET

TORONTO. I will pay off mine and my wife's Visa bills and treat my kids to some fun. Then put some toward appliances for our new home, which we are moving into in a few months. Simple and sweet.

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Metro Minute with Chrissy Crowley

Toes will tap and heads will bob at the ... museum? Cape Breton fiddler Chrissy Crowley will perform tonight in the Museum of Natural History's Concerts for Conservation series.

The Margaree performer is raising money for the Friends of the Redtail Society. Its nature awareness camp is under threat of clear-cutting in the area

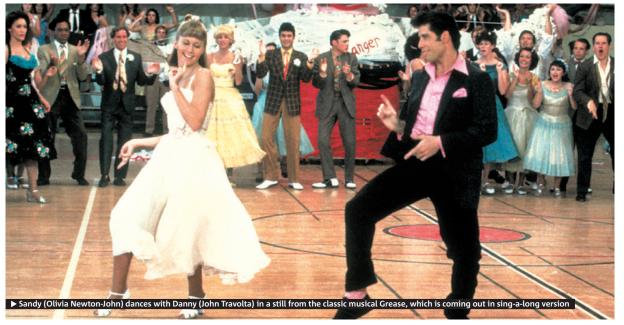
wants to \$250,000 to buy the surrounding Acadian forest.

Crowley has released two albums and performed as a Rising Star at the 2008 ECMA conference. She was also nominated three times for the Canadian Folk Music Awards

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$15.

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Interactive films let audiences act out

▶ Participatory film has a long history in independent theatres across the country ▶ New sing-a-long version of Grease lets fans belt out hits



When the special sing-along version of Grease opens this Friday in select markets, it'll give fans of the super-cheesy 1978 musical a chance to dress up as their favourite characters and belt out the hits with the help of onscreen subti-

But while the official Grease Sing-A-Long may be having its Canadian premiere, participatory films are hardly a new phenomenon. Such screenings are business as usual at a number of independent theatres across the country.

Ottawa's 78-year-old Mayfair Theatre is one example of a cinema that actively promotes audience interaction with certain titles.

"We encourage people to leave their cellphones on, stop sitting on their hands and go a little bit nuts" says Lee Demarbre, a well-known indie filmmaker (Jesus Christ Vampire Hunter) who also works as one of the Mayfair's programmers. "The idea of getting together in a big group

"Even if it's a bad, scratchy print. It's a lot of fun"

LEE DEMARBRE

and watching something that you love is very appealing to our fans."

The audience talk-back phenomenon probably began with 1975's The Rocky Horror Picture Show, a film explicitly designed to cultivate a cult following. Alex Chisholm, who works for the Rio Theatre in Vancouver acknowledges that Rocky is a staple but also tries to mix things up a little bit. The theatre's recent

midnight-movie selections include the so-bad-it's-good melodrama The Room and also The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly — a '60s Western widely considered to be a true classic.

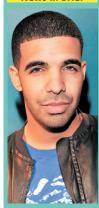
"Some of these films aren't what you'd call traditionally 'call-and-response'-type titles," he says. "We like trying things out in that Roman Coliseum atmosphere. We give out a discount for best costume, so for (The Good, The Bad and the Ugly) we had 250 cowboys wandering around, cat-calling Clint (Eastwood)."

expanding demand

- The Grease Sing-A-Long has been marketed extensively using social media: fans across North America vote online to bring the film to their city.
- Paramount previously used this strategy to open the 2009 horror film Paranormal Activity. They issued an open challenge: if the film received one million votes on eventful. com it would get a nation-wide release. It did, and ended up grossing more than \$100 million world-wide, making it the biggest indie-horror hit since The Blair Witch Project.







Drake's not going to let his Canadian citizenship keep him out of the White House. The Toronto rapper and former Degrassi star says he'd be interested in returning to his acting roots to portray U.S. President Barack Obama in a future biopic.

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Coco follows father's footsteps



She is Sting's daughter and on the brink of becoming a fashion icon. But Coco Sumner doesn't want to talk about either of these subjects. And I know this because her PR has warned me not to broach either subject.

Coco Sumner has just turned 20-years-old and her career is taking off. In October her debut album The Constant is released. She's had the help of Swedish music producer Klas Åhlund who has previously worked with Madonna, Britney Spears and Robyn. Robyn is also featured on Coco's single Caesar.

"I recorded the album in

"I recorded the album in Stockholm and there will definitely be more collaborations with Klas Åhlund," she tells Metro. Sumner's summer has been filled with festival gigs and a U.K. tour, soon she'll have a vacation in Stockholm. In August she'll play the Way-Out West festival in Gothenburg.

tival in Gothenburg.

"People are skeptical of me and my music because I have a famous father. And that's why it's important for me that I get to talk about myself in interviews," Sumner explains.

I ask if it's more difficult

to be taken seriously because of her famous father. "Yes, I believe so. It's a challenge to get people to listen to my music because it's me and not because where I come from."

When the album is released in October Sunner will get the chance to show what she can do. "It feels really exciting. And I'm a little nervous about how it will be received. But I think it will be fine."





elebrity crush: When Taylor Lautner comes to town, teenage hearts flutter

Commercial work a lucrative industry for Canadian actors – but not for everyone

♠ Linda Kash has a heavenly gig ♠ But some actors fear that attaching their face to a brand could be career suicide

Linda Kash has a heavenly acting gig.

As the impish angel with the handsome manservant in Kraft's Canadian Philadelphia Cream Cheese TV commercials, she's been a familiar face for viewers for the past 16 years — and had a steady paycheque the whole time.

Such a scenario is rare in this country's acting community, she explains,

"I'm well aware that as an actor in Canada, this has been very, very good for me," says Kash, a Montreal native who lives in Cavan, Ont., and has appeared on a slew of series. including Seinfeld.

"Because it's given me recognition that isn't harmful; it has given me, as an actor, income that I can more or less count on

or that I have been able to count on, which is kind of unheard of.'

Murdoch Mysteries star Yannick Bisson is also finding similar perks with his long-running national commercial campaign.

As a spokesman for CIBC, he's starred in sever-al of their TV and radio spots and his smiling face is plastered all over CIBC posters and on instantteller screens.

"It's a little more than I bargained for but I couldn't be happier," says Bisson, who hails from Montreal and lives in Toronto.

"The benefits are six zeroes - no, I'm kidding, it's great. It does definitely put you in a different place in your career."

But while some Canadian actors say commercial work pays the rent, others counter that it's not worth the risks.

Toronto native David James Elliott says if you're not a big name and you're just doing a one-off ad, the experience can be a turnoff.

"I was like the commercial king in Toronto before I moved to Los Angeles," explains Elliott, who was known as the Molson Dry guy before he made it big on the series JAG.

These days, he stars on Scoundrels.

"I stopped doing them when I went onto Street Legal because you'd go on these sets and they'd just treat you like a piece of meat with no respect at all and I went, 'You know what? I don't need this anymore, thankfully, and I don't want to be a part of them," he says.

Then there's the lack of control over what a commercial will look like.

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Angelina Jolie reconfirms her niche for

Angelina Jolie plays an in-destructible CIA officer accused of being a Russian spy in Salt.

The role allows her to do so much of what she does so well: kick butt and look impossibly sexy doing it.

Following the Tomb Raider movies, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Wanted, Salt solidifies her standing as the most alluring and reliable female action star working today.

Jolie truly has carved out her own niche.

But many actresses be-fore her have shaken things up as intensely as the big boys, and with a bit of feminine flair.

Sigourney Weaver in

Weaver made a reputa-tion for herself as fierce in Aliens.

But part of the allure of the performance is that she didn't start out as a bad-ass.

She transformed herself into one out of sheer survival and a ferocious protective instinct.

Her climactic battle against the Queen — with her threatening line, "Get away from her, you bitch!
— is so iconic, it's even been re-enacted for DirecTV commercials.

In the 1979 original, directed by Ridley Scott, Weaver means business but she isn't quite the killing machine she turns into under Iames Cameron's direction in everybody remembers it," Kash said.

Even when the cringeinducing ads aren't airing on TV, they often find an afterlife on the Internet.

Canadian actress Evangeline Lilly, for instance, did a series of flirty commercials for a phone-chat line called LiveLinks before she became a star on Lost. Those ads - in which she's lying around the house in tank tops and silky robes, chatting on the phone as candles flicker in the background - are now immortalized on YouTube.

Kash says she doesn't feel her career has been hurt by being the longtime face of Philly Cream Cheese yet.

But her actor-friend Ted Simonett wasn't so lucky with his eight-year role as "The Canadian Tire Guy," which ended in 2006 when the company ditched the campaign after a backlash against his character.

Simonett's bearded handyman role came across to some viewers as irritating and became the subject of a string of biting parodies, both online and on comedy series including "This Hour Has 22 Minutes."

Simonett did not return requests for an interview, but Kash recalls that the parodies seemed harmful to the brand.

"It became kind of a joke," she says.

Kash says actors must take responsibility for what brand they're representing.

Elliot said actors are in danger of linking themselves to the product. "You don't want to be overly representational of a product and then you become more known for that," he says.

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TV Picks

Intense Indie concert

ROCK OUT. Arctic Monkeys: Live at the Apollo is said to be one of the most intense concerts ever delivered. Filmed in Manchester during the band's 2007 tour, the show features 20 tunes (Sundance Channel),

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damsels in distress

action flicks with Salt Dut others have fought to be Hollywood's fiercest

Linda Hamilton in Terminator 2: Judgment Day

Nobody would mess with Sarah Conner in Terminator 2: Judgment Day, played by Linda Hamilton. James Cameron does know how to get indelible performances out of strong women.

Similar to Weaver, Hamilton's also already pretty formidable as Sarah Connor in the original Terminator.

But that early shot in the sequel of her doing pull-ups in the state hospital — those sinewy biceps pulsating with each repetition — is just a frightening sight to behold.

Humans, cyborgs ... why would anyone be foolish enough to mess with her? The fact that she's a

The fact that she's a mother adds another appealing layer to her character.

Uma Thurman in the Kill Bill movies

Thurman has instinct that leads her down the trail of death and destruction in Kill Bill movies as the bride a.k.a. Beatrix Kiddo.

The Bride is primarily out for revenge against her fellow assassins who tried to kill her on her wedding day.

Her knock-down, dragout trailer fight against Daryl Hannah is a doozy, but she's just as capable of taking on a pack of 100 samurai-sword wielding thugs.

Quentin Tarantino's films are, hugely stylish homages to the genres he loves, but since he and Thurman crafted the role together, it also feels personal.

Michelle Yeoh and Zhang Ziyi in Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

It might be a bit of a cheat to pick both actresses. But they're so intrinsically intertwined, it's impossible to separate them. They need and feed off

They need and feed off each other — each is the other's equal.

They're both strong, feminine, beautiful and intelligent and athletic. And their fight scenes are lush and hypnotic

Jane Fonda in Barbarella Sure, go ahead and laugh.

But you can only imagine how difficult it is to operate a laser gun effectively while dressed in gogo dominatrix gear. The boots alone would make it tough to run and chase had guys

bad guys.

This wasn't exactly considered a "good" movie when it came out, but it's cultivated a certain kitschy charm. Fonda, under the direction of her then-husband Roger Vadim, was all hair and legs and campy sex appeal as a futuristic, intergalactic warrior goddess. There was even talk about Grindhouse co-director, Robert Rodriguez, doing a remake.

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More than meets the eye

Not just comics at world's largest convention Narvel Comic flicks set the stage for adaptations with Thor, Captain America and Avengers



Hollywood is set to descend once again on San Diego for Comic-Con, an annual five-day

that's become the de facto epicenter for sneak previews of upcoming movies and TV shows, whether they have anything to do with comic books or not.

Several upcoming com-

ic book adaptations are fighting it out for fanboy attention, including next year's Green Lantern with Ryan Reynolds as the famous DC Comics hero. Metro will be in San Diego all week to report on the announcements, parties and general insanity that is Comic-Con.

Marvel Comics has the

most movie adaptations presenting at the convention, with star-studded panels packed for Thor and Captain America, which are currently in production.

Fans also expect to hear updates on the Avengers, the planned film to unite those two characters with Iron Man, the Hulk and

Though Robert Downey Jr. is set to reprise his Iron Man role in the film, Marvel had a very public falling out earlier this month with Edward Norton, who will not return as the Hulk for the team-up film. Insiders predict Marvel will use Comic-Con as an opportunity to announce who will take on the part next.

At least one movie being presented at the convention has a direct link to the event: Shaun of the Dead star Simon Pegg will present details about Paul, a film about two geeks who meet an alien on their way to Comic-Con.

A notable absence will be anything related to the Twilight.



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But what's REALLY the root of all our problems?

"It's our own behaviour," says the 45-year-old Californian.

The former star of TV's Titus is turning his searing wit on society's

ills in his new show Nev-

The idea sprang from his observations with one particular obese kid. "The kid was the

grand marshall riding the fudge float in the juvenile diabetes parade," Titus said. "The kid was swearing at his dad and I just thought, 'Wow, we're losing control of

the world.'
"We're going to turn the planet over to these little bastards which means we're all going to be living on a burning

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Celebrity tweets



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saying i dont do flirty tweets anymore



Lance Bass [Alance bass] | mean, I

know Mel Gibson has issues - but radar online makes me sick the way they are exploiting those tapes. It's none our business!



Christina Apple aate [@1capple-

gate] Mother effer! I spelled avocado wrong.....moving on



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Talking points

NO SURPRISE Megan Fox isn't having trouble finding work after her falling out with Transformers director Michael Bay. She's reportedly close to closing a deal to appear in Eminem's new video for the song Love the Way You Lie, which also features Rihanna, according to E! News. METRO WORLD NEWS



LiLo has no quick comeback after jail

Lindsay Lohan's time in jail Visa will be short, but her time away from the public eye will be much longer.

offi-Sheriff's cials say the actress will spend only about two weeks of a 90-day sentence in jail. But her brief time in an isolation cell that has housed other celebrities such as Paris Hilton and Michelle Rodriguez is just one element of her sentence

Once Lohan is released in August, she is required to report to probation officials within a day. She has also been ordered to spend three months at an inpatient rehab.

That portion of her sentence won't be trimmed like her jail stint by credits for good behaviour.

"It's a straight 90 days," prosecutor Danette Meyers said vesterday

The result is that the

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Mean Girls and Georgia Rules star will be unavailable until late this year to start filming her portrayal of porn actress Linda Lovelace in a biopic. She will be equally unavailable to promote her role as a gun-toting nun in Robert Rodriguez's chete," which marks her return to the big screen in September.It amounts to lost time for the once-promising actress, whose movements have been restricted since she missed a court date in May, the associated press











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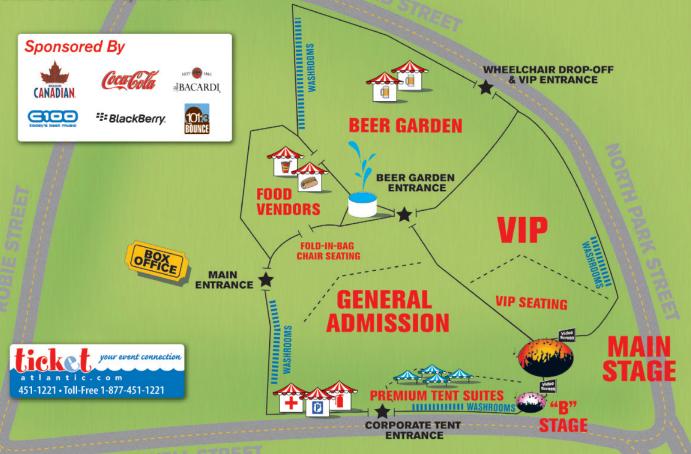
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- laser pointers
- cooler bags of any kind
- bicycles, skateboards, roller blades or scooters
- camping equipment of any kind
- illegal narcotics UNLESS prescribed and in the container marked with the item and name of the holder



How to wear beige

Nude, beige, taupe, mushroom, tan, whatever you want to call it, there's no escaping the sensible colour for summer and fall. ○ Here's how to give the potentially boring trend some oomph.



► Chloe autumn/winter 2010.





Play with tonality

It's a colour that brings to mind 1980s rayon dresses found in thrift stores and your mom's old 1980s power suits.

Increase the youth factor by working in other neutral tones like cream and blush (another key colour of the season) the way Stella McCartney did for her spring/summer '10 collection.

It gives the beige trend a hint of the unexpected.

Just be very careful in your choice of colors. Pick the wrong palette for your skin tone and you'll looked washed out or ashy.

Fully commit to it

Head-to-toe beige can look perfectly chic in a 1970s kind of way. The key to pulling the full-on tan look off is the silhouette. Go for a slightly golden version of the color in a loose, easy silhouette like the Chloé look pictured. Let your bag and shoes give the outfit a pop of colour.

Limit it to your accessories

If the colour doesn't work with your complexion, don't force it. Experiment with the trend through accessories instead, using a great beige handbag or shoe to tone down a vibrant primary coloured dress, blouse or trouser.







This summer, Birkenstock sandals are back with a vengeance. And they're not just for the older gent, as younger men appear to be proudly sporting them the world over. Pictured: Birskenstock, \$70, birkenstock.com.

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Men's picks

Uniqlo Smooth Dry innerwear

We all know that the morning commute is simply not congenial to keeping your neatly pressed shirt looking fresh and sweat-patch free. And it's perhaps even less acceptable to roll into the office floundering in your own perspiration. So what's the answer? There is now a very affordable solution, in the form of Uniqlo's smooth dry v-neck or crew neck innerwear. These gar-

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Find out how David Yurman too an unconventional route to jewelry world A stylish breed

• Here's some tips that will stylize your pet enough to be a perfect home accessory on their own

DECOR MOMENT

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It's often not easy incorporating doggy beds, fish tanks and gerbil cages into a well

into a well designed space. Only recently have manufactures started to realize that pet accessories that look good will fly off the shelves. Here are a few ideas that might just help make your pet your most stylish home accessory:

Home Sweet Home

Be creative with an outdoor house for your pet. A small-sized dog house can

The pet questions

When considering a pet there are a few "decorator questions" to keep in mind; will the colour of Fifi match your fabulous interior? My cat is grey; guess what colour my new sofa is? Does the owner's jewelry need to match the Barney's collar? Yes, Channel and Prada do make pet collars! These are the most important things to keep in mind when adding a new pet to your home.

work purr-fectly for your cat; I like to bring the houses inside; a corner of the family room or on a landing is a great place for them to escape and can be much more charming than a cage. The DIY pet houses that you can paint yourself are so self-



expressive; what a great way to blend the house into your home's decor! Stylish Pets In Training

For young pets there is always the worry of messes and teaching them to stay in their crate at night. A smart decorator might suggest removing long drapes (cats love to climb and dogs like to lift a leg to these towers of fabric) and cover existing furnishings to keep dirt and hair off. Pets and children equal one thing in my decorating world: synthetic, easy-care fabrics and a good lint brush.

Your Silent Partner

I vaugely remember our family fish tank in the 1970's with the sunken ship, plastic looking plants and one or two lonely fishies swimming around. Tanks are now back in vogue; and used for more than just hous-

ing a goldfish. A stylish tank adds the trickle of water and can act as ambient lighting in your home. Display some trendy fresh bamboo or your favourite seaside shells if the fish relationship thing isn't working for you.



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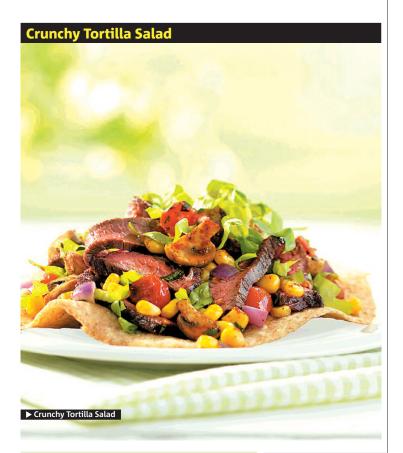
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Preparation:

- In a bowl, combine oil, lime rind, lime juice, coriander, chili powder and garlic. Set aside 45 ml (3 tbsp) of the mixture in a large bowl for the dressing. Rub remaining mixture over both sides of steak. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 4
- Meanwhile, oven toast tortillas. Spray both sides of tortillas with cooking spray; place in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake in a 180 C (350 F) oven for 10 minutes or until crisp and lightly browned
- Pat steak dry; season with salt and pepper. Grill over mediumhigh, about 5 minutes per side for mediumrare. Let rest before slicing.
- Meanwhile, in a large skillet over mediumhigh, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the oil. Add onion and garlic; cook until onion is softened, about 4 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook until all liquid is released. about 5 minutes. Reduce heat to Yields: 8 medium; add Prep time: tomatoes and 20 min. corn Cook Cookina: stirrina, iust

Ingredients:

- Top Sirloin Tostada
 500 g (1 lb) beef top sirloin grilling steak, about
 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick
- 8 whole-wheat flour tortillas, each about 18 cm (7-
- inch) in diameter
 50 ml (1/4 cup)
- vegetable oil
 125 ml (1/2 cup)
- chopped red onion
 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 500 ml (2 cups) each quartered mushrooms and grape tomatoes, halved
- 500 ml (2 cups) fresh or thawed corn kernels
 250 ml (1 cup) shredded
- lettuce

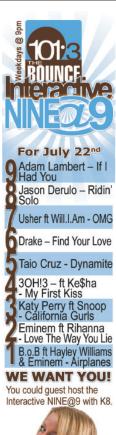
 30 ml (2 tbsp) minced
- fresh coriander or parsley
- Salt and pepper, to taste Marinade/Dressing 15 ml (1 tbsp) each vegetable oil and grated lime rind 50 ml (1/4 cup) lime juice (about 2 times) 30 ml (2 tbsp) minced fresh coriander or parsley 15 ml (1 tbsp) chili powder 4 large cloves garlic,

about 5 minutes.

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16 min.

Meanwhile, whisk remaining oil into reserved marinade to complete the dressing. Thinly slice steak; add to dressing along with mushroom mixture, lettuce and coriander, tossing gently to coat. Pile 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the beef mixture on each tortilla to serve.



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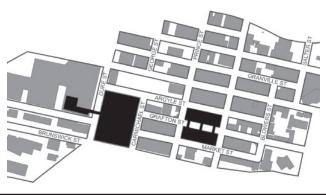
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5650 Spring Garden Road 422-2866 Rating: 4 out of 5 Price range: \$\$\$\$ Reservations: No Client negotiations: yes Lunch with co-workers: yes Social lunch: yes Quick solo lunch: no Time in: 1:30 Time out: 2:45 Low \$: Gelati \$3

High \$: Rack of Lamb \$24

Il Mercato always a good choice for fresh, local fare



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Il Mercato is one of the most consistent restau-

They just never have a bad day.

I'm here for lunch with a friend and her son. My friend's Focaccia is filled with roasted chicken, pancetta, avocado and arugula, with a chili aioli. Mine features roasted lamb, caramelized onions, fontina cheese, a few greens, and a honey Dijon

They are attractive, filling and delicious.

He with the teenage appetite enjoys the tasty Bruschetta brushed with garlic and topped with chopped tomato, parmigiano and Friulano cheese, followed by an awesome dish of Ravioli filled with roasted chicken, wild mushrooms and cambozola cheese, with a mushroom sherry and cream sauce.

We try three luscious desserts: Double Lemon Flan, Triple Chocolate Cheesecake and a scoop of chocolate Gelati a Mano.

The Italian décor is love-

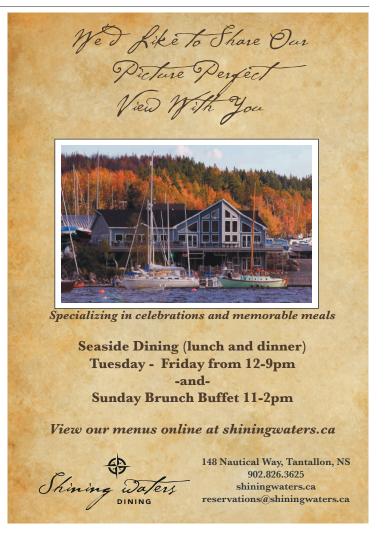
It's a rainy day and the place is abuzz, with tourists and locals, enjoying their lunches well into the afternoon.





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IAAF junior event reaches halfway mark

Jared Heldman of Langley, B.C., competes in the high jump portion of the men's decathlon

at the International Association of Athletics Federation world junior championships in Moncton yesterday. The six-day event reached its halfway mark yesterday.

Mooseheads still waiting on Frk

Agent hopes process of bringing Frk to Q will be resolved soon • Mooseheads want elite European scorer to suit up for them in September



Martin Frk's agent hopes the "at times arduous" process of getting Martin Frk into a Halifax Moose-heads jersey will be re-solved in the "very near

Frk, who the Mooseheads selected third overmonth's in last Canadian Hockey League import draft, and Octagon Hockey representative Allan Walsh are still working on cutting through red tape to allow the skilled left-winger to play in the

QMJHL.

"The process of bringing an elite European player to the CHL can at times be arduous," Walsh told Metro in an e-mail. "The process involves the player, the club that drafted the player, Hockey Cana-



da, the IIHF and the relevant European federation."

If Frk doesn't end up wearing a Mooseheads iersey in September, it would be a major disappointment for the rebuilding club. No QMJHL team has scored fewer goals than the Mooseheads the past two seasons.

The Mooseheads' scouts compare Frk's style to that of Cam Neely, while various scouting services consider him an early first-round candidate for the 2012 NHL draft.

The 17-year-old was one of the top scorers in the Czech under-20 league last

season, piling up 28 goals and 27 assists for 56 points along with 184 penalty minutes in 39 games. "We are all working on

the process now and hope to have some resolution to this situation in the very near future to everyone's satisfaction," Walsh said.

Walsh did not respond to a direct question requesting details about Frk's contract with his Czech club, Karlovy Vary.

sports

Up and down

Big Red Mike The Queen's Plate champion was named the 6/5 early favourite for the \$500,000 Prince of Wales Stakes Sunday in Fort Erie, Ont.





Casey Printers The Lions QB will miss tomorrow's game versus the . Argos with a knee



Tiger Woods The golfer's estimated endorsements for 2010 are worth \$22 million US less than last year, according to Sports Illustrated's annual analysis.

Dal locks up coach

The Dalhousie Tigers have locked up men's hockey coach Pete Belliveau for the next five seasons.

Dal director of athletics John MacDonald announced yesterday Belliveau has signed a five-year extension that will keep him at the helm through the 2014-15 Atlantic University Sport

Although the Tigers haven't made the AUS playoffs since winning a national bronze medal in 2004, Belliveau has slowly rebuilt the program since taking over in 2008.

The squad finished with 20 points last season, one point out of a playoff spot.

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McKinnon wins golf tourney

Lingan's Brett McKinnon won the CN Future Links Atlantic junior boys championship yesterday in Bad-deck. McKinnon made four birdies on the final day of action to finish a plus-8 at the 54-hole event. 🌕 metro Halifax

Consolation wins for Nova Scotia

Two Nova Scotian teams emerged with victories in consolation action at the Canadian all-star soccer

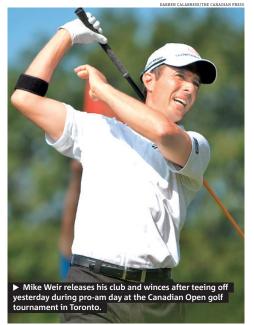
championships yesterday. At Sherbrooke, Que., the under-16 boys came away with a 2-0 win over Newfoundland and face Prince Edward Island today. The under-14 boys were idle.

At Mount Pearl, N.L., the under-16 girls edged past New Brunswick 1-0. The under-14 girls, meanwhile, came out on the other end of a 1-0 game against New Brunswick.

METRO HALIFAX



Sore spot: Weir aims to play through the pain



Canadian golfer has tendinitis in right arm He plans to compete at RBC Canadian Open

It was probably the one time Mike Weir would rather have been talking about trying to end the country's long drought at the RBC Canadian Open.

Instead, the popular lefty from Bright's Grove, Ont., found himself discussing a bout of tendinitis in his right arm on the eve of the championship national Weir's pro-am round came to an abrupt end yesterday when he walked off the course to receive treatment in the PGA Tour's fitness

Before leaving St. George's Golf and Country Club in Toronto, he made it clear that he plans to return for his opening-round tee time this afternoon (TSN, 4 p.m. AT).

"I can't see myself withdrawing,"

Eleven of the top 30 in the PGA Tour's

FedExCup standings have entered. including Paul Casey, Retief Goosen, Tim Clark, Camilo Villegas, Hunter Mahan and Luke Donald.

mean, I'll play through it. I have next week off. Today in the pro-am it was bothering me on every shot I hit and I thought it was a good time to take it easy.

"(The physical therapist)

said it was a good thing you did that. He said don't hit any more shots today, just keep doing the ice and Advil and rest it.'

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flared up during last week's British Open and puts another wrinkle into Weir's attempt to become the first Canadian to win at home since Pat Fletcher in 1954.

Interestingly, he wasn't asked about ending that streak during his session with reporters yesterday. It's probably the first time that's happened here in more than a decade.

Even though Weir didn't talk about it, everyone on the property knows exactly how important the tournament is to him.

"I guarantee that Mike Weir wants it a thousand times more than you could ever imagine he wants it," said England's Paul Casey. "To win your national championship, that's what you want." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oilers owner urges city to help pay for new rink

Edmonton Oilers owner Daryl Katz told city councillors yesterday his NHL team is running millions of dollars in the red and that he needs taxpayer dollars to help him build a franchise-saving 18,000seat downtown rink.

"Some might say the Oilers are just a hockey team, but I think we all know they're much more than that," Katz told councillors. "But this team is also a business, and like any business it needs a sound financial base in order to be sustainable, which today it is not "

Paul Marcaccio, Katz's chief financial officer, told councillors that the Oilers are severely disadvantaged by being in the league's smallest market, which limits how much they can charge for ads and broadcast rights. He said, more importantly, the Oilers are also the only NHL team that doesn't get revenue from non-hockey events held at their home rink. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Manning, it has been a year in the making but now that we are together I am the luckiest girl in the world. And we are proof that opposites do attract. I LOVE YOU! -SARAH

When I came to meet you for the first time X-mas Eve. When our eyes met you had a piece of my heart. Now you have my soul. I want you in my life always. You are truly special. ANGELA

MIMI! Finding you was the best thing that has ever happened. Be mine forever! XIAO WEIWEI

Sebastian, After much philosophizing, I believe that the day we are separated will be my apocalypse. So I'll stand by you and love you always, KEIDI

Saturday



For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

T Aries March 21-April 19 One of the best times of the year begins for you today as the Sun moves into Leo and no matter how depressed you may have been feeling of late you will cheer up considerably.

Today's horoscope

¥ Taurus April 20-May 21 Go out of your way over the next 24 hours to remind loved ones how much they mean to you. Tell them loud and tell them

II Gemini May 22-June 21 | Put vour worries behind vou and start having fun. Forget about everything that does not bring a smile to your face.

G Cancer June 22-July 22 The simple fact is you have been spending far more than you

can afford. Time to cut back a

solar year begins for you today and there is no reason why it should not be the best one

M Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The next few weeks may not be easy but there is no reason why they should be difficult either. Keep reminding yourself how much you have to be thankful for and keep your eye on your ultimate goal. It's not so far away.

serve one. No one will complain if you ease off the pace today, and if you get together

Leo July 23-Aug.23 A new

← Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Do you need a rest? You certainly de-

with some of your laidback friends you'll have a great day together doing next to noth-

M Scorpio oct. 24-Nov. 22 As the Sun crosses the midheaven angle of your chart today you are sure to be put to the test in some way, but your Scorpio self-belief will see you through no matter how stiff the challenge.

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It's time to expand your horizons and find ways to get more out of life. That's not, however, an invitation to be reckless.

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may not want others to know about your financial

needs but if you don't open your mouth they won't be able to help you.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The Sun moves into your opposite sign of Leo today, so partnership matters will be of the utmost importance. It may be tempting to make snap judgments about people but do you really know what motivates them?

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

You would be wise to make changes to your schedule today, changes that reflect the fact that you are feeling a bit run down physically and mentally. You have pushed yourself hard these past few weeks, so give yourself a break. SALLY BROMPTON

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